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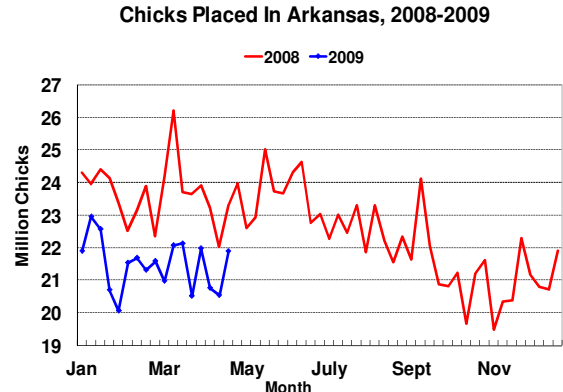
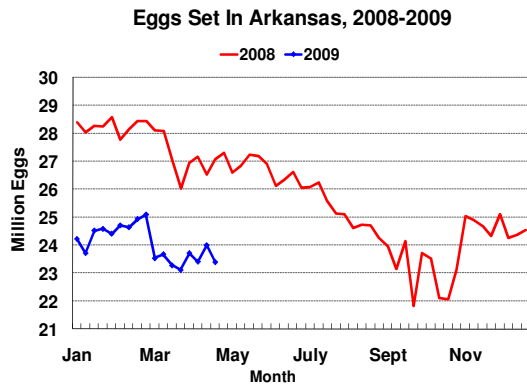


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### Arkansas Chick Placements Down 6 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.9 million during the week ending April 25, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2008 but up 7 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 25, 2009, down 14 percent from the same period last year and down 2 percent from the previous week.



### Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, March 28, 2009 - April 25, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	28-Mar	4-Apr	11-Apr	18-Apr	25-Apr	28-Mar	4-Apr	11-Apr	18-Apr	25-Apr
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,633	29,571 *	29,892	30,114	29,758	20,203	19,932	20,917	20,393	19,715
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>23,120</b>	<b>23,721 *</b>	<b>23,415</b>	<b>24,001 *</b>	<b>23,402</b>	<b>20,525</b>	<b>21,990</b>	<b>20,771</b>	<b>20,548 *</b>	<b>21,903</b>
Delaware	3,559	3,469	3,580	3,585	3,529	4,872	5,211	4,473	4,370	4,758
Florida	995	946	956	979	991	703	707	707	726	685
Georgia	31,392	31,706	31,801	30,783	30,936	26,760	27,251	25,635	26,052 *	27,129
Kentucky	8,016 *	7,756 *	7,599	7,822	7,687	6,459	5,678	5,832	6,030 *	5,929
Louisiana	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	1,909	1,901	1,892	1,901	1,896
Maryland	8,910	9,053	9,169	9,160	8,963	6,267	6,088	6,597	6,661	5,637
Mississippi	17,624	17,870	17,750	17,622	17,659	16,724	17,067	16,764	16,491	16,899
N. Carolina	18,628	18,906 *	18,915	19,033	18,553	15,458	15,964	15,976 *	15,666	15,836
Oklahoma	6,921	7,245 *	6,885	6,793	6,690	4,616	4,069	5,648	4,531	4,601
Pennsylvania	3,604 *	3,919	3,931	3,952 *	3,957	3,188 *	3,226	2,978	2,879 *	3,106
S. Carolina	5,431	5,799	5,624	5,538	5,636	4,500	4,359	4,714 *	4,728 *	4,257
Texas	15,394	15,329	14,959	15,324	14,953	13,278	13,285	12,735	13,385	13,311
Virginia	6,170	6,179	6,158	6,179	6,236	4,607	4,764	4,310	4,987 *	5,475
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,190	19,898 *	19,978	19,545 *	19,701	16,945	17,458 *	16,599	17,322	17,773
19 State Total	199,817 *	203,597 *	202,842	202,660 *	200,881	167,014 *	168,950 *	166,548 *	166,670 *	168,910
Prev. Year Total	214,627	217,082	215,925	214,822	213,675	180,372	181,007	177,613	177,156	178,240
% of Prev. Year	93	94	94	94	94	93	93	94	94	95

\* Revised in current week.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 25, 2009. This was down 6 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Down 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 25, 2009. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through April 25, 2009 were 2.85 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.